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Indicator evaluation; support for IAC Watch Cormities

- 1. G-8 (Medium). Abandonment, limited or complete, of construction on long-range economic or on essentially consumer projects (housing, etc.).
 - 2. I/PE.
- 3. This indicator would probably be reflected in orders to cathock or accelerate long-range construction projects, depending on the critical nature of the project, accompanied by instructions on the future use of the resources released; or alternatively, to shift the future use of the projects from civilian to military ends.
- to Probably some estion along the lines of the indicator would be taken; but it is doubtful that information of this type would appear in Soviet or agency sources available to I/PE, since this brunch is not concerned primarily with those projects estlined in the indicator. Only constion of construction on machine building plants would come to the attention of I/PE and this information is generally not disseminated at the time the action is taken, but usually much later.
 - 5. No comment.
 - 6. See section 6, 2-7 (Medium).
 - 7. No comment.
 - 8. No comment.
- 9. This indicator is more appropriate for the Construction branch. Segmention is made that L/PE branch be dropped as a source for this indicator.

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